

Harpers Ferry

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Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



2014 Schedule of Events

Exhibit: *The USCT & the Spirit of Freedom*

Date: February 2 - December 31 **Time:** 9am to 5pm

Location: Second floor of John Brown Museum

Description: This year long exhibit will highlight dedication and commitment of African American soldiers and their fight for freedom.

Event: *"Necessity: The Mother of Invention"*

Date: March 29, 30 **Time:** 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: Meet Harpers Ferry's industrial workers and citizens at special exhibits featuring the technological advances in 19th century clothing innovations, health, food preservation, and arms production.

Event: *Harpers Ferry and the USCT Recruiting Station*

Date: April 26, 27 **Time:** 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: This event will commemorate the 150th anniversary of Harpers Ferry's role in the recruitment of United States Colored Troops during 1864. Activities will include living history and ranger conducted programs.

Event: *Defend and Protect. Arming America's Soldiers*

Date: May 24, 25 **Time:** 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: Special exhibits and programs highlight the Harpers Ferry Armory, technology, invention and how these weapons were used by soldiers for national defense and exploration. See this armory town come to life as living history volunteers present the story of Harpers Ferry and the Industrial Revolution through historic weapons firing demonstration and other special activities.

Event: *13th Annual Don Redman Heritage Awards & Concert*

Date: June 28 **Time:** 6pm

Location: Clarion Hotel & Conference Center Ballroom
233 Lowe Drive, Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Description: This year's Don Redman Heritage Awards & Concert will be held in Shepherdstown. Featured guests are jazz legends Billy Harper and Cecil McBee, with the Howard Burns Quartet. This event is sponsored by the Harpers Ferry Historical Association and the Jefferson County NAACP in cooperation with the Don Redman Heritage Society of Piedmont, WV.

Special Events are made possible through the generous support of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association. Visit the bookshop on Shenandoah Street or check out their website at <http://www.harpersferryhistory.org>.

Event: *Under Fire: Hold the High Ground! 1864*

Date: June 28, 29 Demonstrations at 12pm, 1pm, & 2pm

Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Description: Join the members of the park's artillery crew as they demonstrate the might and intimidation of field artillery during the town's Confederate General Jubal Early's march on Washington 1864.

Event: *Invasion Stalled: Harpers Ferry and the Defense of Washington*

Date: July 4, 5, 6

Time: 10am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: This event will focus on the prelude of the Battle of Monocacy and Harpers Ferry's role in helping to delay Jubal Early's 1864 march on Washington. Activities will include living history, ranger conducted programs, and family/youth activities.

Event: *Slavery, the Abolitionist Movement and Reflections of Jefferson*

Date: July 12

Presentations at 1pm & 3pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: Watch an insightful dramatic presentation on the issue of slavery featuring Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson.

Event: *Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights, 1862*

Date: July 12, 13 Demonstrations at 12pm, 1pm, & 2pm

Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Description: Join the members of the park's artillery crew as they demonstrate the might and intimidation of field artillery.

Event: *"I Will Follow Them To the Death: Sheridan's Soldiers, 1864"*

Date: July 19, 20

Time: 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: This program presents Harpers Ferry as the staging area for Union General Philip Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign during the summer of 1864. Members of 13th New Jersey will demonstrate union army garrison duties. Costumed volunteers and staff will interpret civilian life under harsh military rule.

Event: *"Medical Weekend: Giving Aid and Comfort"*

Date: July 26, 27

Time: 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: Living history volunteers of the 3rd US and 142nd Pennsylvania Infantry will portray the medical and relief efforts that provided aid and comfort to the thousands of soldiers fighting during the American Civil War.

2014 Schedule of Events Cont.

Event: *Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights, 1862*

Date: August 2, 3 Demonstrations at 12pm, 1pm, & 2pm

Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Description: Join the members of the park's artillery crew as they demonstrate the might and intimidation of field artillery.

Event: *The Enemy Among Us: Defending Harpers Ferry During The War of 1812*

Date: August 9, 10

Time: 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: Visit a Living History 1812 military recruitment station at the town's oldest structure, the 1782 Tavern built by Robert Harper. See how the town's citizens react to the British invasion and the response by the Armory workers.

Event: *Niagara Movement Pilgrimage to John Brown's Fort*

Date: August 17

Time: 8am

Location: Murphy/Chambers Farm & Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

Description: Retrace the footsteps of the men and women of Niagara during this commemorative walk to the site of John Brown's Fort in 1906. A 10am memorial service will follow at the Curtis Freewill Baptist Church.

Event: *The Harpers Ferry Armory Marches off to War*

Date: August 23

Time: 10am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: A War of 1812 Bicentennial commemoration that coincides with Captain George W. Humphrey's company of Harpers Ferry and Jefferson County volunteers being mustered into service and their subsequent engagement at the Battle of White House Bluff.

Event: *"Bringing In the Harvest"*

Date: September 6, 7

Time: 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town at Roeder's Confectionery Kitchen

Description: Join 19th Century Historic Foodways Expert Carol Anderson for this in depth look at how summer time harvest foods were preserved for winter consumption. Demonstrations include, pickling, drying, potting, and canning.

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YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/HarpersFerryNPS>

Event: *Thunder in the Valley: Sheridan's 1864 Valley Campaign*

Date: September 27, 28

Time: 10am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: This event will focus on Harpers Ferry's role as a staging ground and supply base during Philip Sheridan's 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign. Activities will include living history, ranger conducted programs, and family/youth activities.

Event: *"Mr. Lincoln Returns to Harpers Ferry"*

Date: October 4

Time: Presentations at 1pm & 3pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: Visit with our nation's 16th president as portrayed by Jim Getty.

Event: *Abraham Lincoln and the Election of 1864*

Date: October 11

Time: 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: This event will explore Harpers Ferry's critical role in our nation's wartime presidential election. Activities will include living history, ranger conducted programs, and family/youth activities.

Event: *"Reacting to the Raid: The US Marines"*

Date: October 12

Time: 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town, Fire Engine House

Description: Witness a living history demonstration on how 1859 Abolitionist Brown was captured by US troops.

Event: *Drink Your Apples: Roeder's Tavern Cider Making, 1860*

Date: October 18, 19

Time: 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town, Roeder's Confectionary and Roeder's White Hall Tavern

Description: Step back in time, learn the time honored tradition of preserving harvest time apples by making cider.

Event: *Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights, 1862*

Date: October 25, 26 Demonstrations at 12pm, 1pm, & 2pm

Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Description: Join the members of the Baltimore Light Artillery crew as they demonstrate the might and intimidation of field artillery.

Event: *Capt. Flagg's US Quartermaster City: Prospects of Peace*

Date: December 6, 7

Time: 11am to 5pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: Join over 175 living history volunteers as they help present park visitors with a unique window into the magnitude and scope of Captain Flagg's 1864 US Quartermaster city.